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## THAT PREPAREDNESS PARADE.

Acting upon the theory that the people are so many dunderheads, and need to be bumped on the noodle,—as virtually expressed by Mr. C. C. Hanch, of the Studebaker corporation, Mr. J. D. Oliver, and others,—at the mass meeting of fifty held at the Chamber of Commerce, Monday night, a preparedness parade—demonstration—mon-e-y show,—or something, is scheduled for the boards, Saturday afternoon, June 2. Under pretense of superior patriotism, and that the public needs to be spraddled into some sort of bandwagon, calculated to coerce congress, if possible, into providing for and financing a preparedness program, to the satisfaction of somebody or other—quite evidently, in the main, because it happens to be a democratic congress,—this fifty seemingly anticipates that the masses through fear of appearing unpatriotic will swell their numbers to 50,000, and that forthwith the whole preparedness problem will be solved.

Military, fraternal and labor organizations—here, at least, organized labor is to be recognized,—escorted, of course, by the police force,—and then there will be plenty of automobiles and an impromptu cavalry, and perhaps some even more impromptu infantry for the less thrifty; these and the brass bands. We need it, they say, to convince congress that we are for preparedness back here in South Bend, and the bigger the parade, we suppose, the more the preparedness—so they want to make it big enough, if possible, that congress may go too far, and then they can kick about that same as they are now kicking under pretense that it is not going far enough.

Indeed, yes, parades and demonstrations have been used to stir the mob with enthusiasm and by way of protest, and it has been effective. It took the honorable Claude Nicely to spill the beans, insofar as it was necessary that they be verbally spilled,—but in former days when political parties put on parades to arouse enthusiasm or demonstrate a protest, there wasn't any mistaking the purpose. They were admittedly political and not put on under any pretense of a super-patriotism. Yes, they will invite Gov. Ralston to come view the parade; this to further effect the blind.

It is to the credit of Mayor Keller that upon discovering this situation, he has gotten out from under it. His attitude toward a parade was given a wrong construction in the first place. He allowed his name to be used in connection with a call for a mass meeting to consider the advisability of a parade, not because he favored the parade, but because he favored letting the people be heard on the subject if they wished to be. The fifty that attended the meeting, quite plainly a specially drummed up lot, in the main, goes to show how little the public favors it. The mayor made no bones of his opposition to the proposed demonstration, and unless coercion is used, in some of the factories, as it has been known to have been used in past years when political intrigue has had something to put over by apparent force of numbers, we rather anticipate that the fifty will have a somewhat difficult time finding the necessary three cyphers to add to itself, to make up the parade that it craves.

## SO FAR, SO GOOD! ONWARD!

Passage of the appropriation for a housing and sanitation survey, as made by the common council Monday night, is one of the longest strides in the direction of civic betterment that has been made by the present administration, or, for that matter, any other administration that South Bend has had for many a year. It is the direct result of the better housing campaign instituted several weeks ago by The News-Times; this supplemented by the hearty cooperation of the civic centers and the city board of health. It is merely providing a means of placing in the hands of the health department certain information that it has long needed. The civic centers, and especially those in those parts of the city likely to be most benefitted by the survey, deserve to be congratulated upon their interest and aggressive action in behalf of the movement. It goes to show that they want to measure up to proper standards of living, and will work for it themselves with a little energetic backing.

In this connection it is also fitting that the cooperation of the Ministerial association be acknowledged. This is a type of work in which it is very fitting that a Ministerial association should cooperate—a sociological work; applied Christianity. It is fitting, too, for the reason that the campaign was instituted and carried on almost exclusively through the columns of a Sunday newspaper—only the current happenings of the week touching on the subject, and occasional editorial comment being published on week days. It seems proper that the Sunday newspaper and the clergy should cooperate in such matters; the paper secularizing such questions with the masses of people; while the clergy deals with it from the more spiritual side.

The News-Times exposures and comment, an aroused

public opinion, the action of the civic centers individually and through the city federation, and of the Ministerial association, readily won the cooperation of the department of health and of the mayor, making it comparatively easy for the council to do its part of the work, and the survey is now in order.

But this is not the end of it. Councilman Goebel, who seems to have been inclined to expect that the survey would be all that there would be to it, may rest assured that The News-Times, having instituted the campaign, will want to see it pushed to an effective finish—and will see to it. There will be no dodging of members or particular friends of the administration by the surveyors, and neither will bad conditions be allowed to lie dormant and uncorrected, long after discovered. It is not necessary that the whole survey be completed before any of its discoveries are corrected, and we have the assurance of Health Officer Rosenbury that such will not be permitted. No, The News-Times has not finished its work on this housing campaign; that is, unless the administration handles it henceforth in such a way as to leave us nothing more to do. We will gladly accept any cooperation Councilman Goebel may see fit to afford us, should any dilatory methods be employed that would render the cost of the housing survey a vain expenditure.

On the other hand, the health department can depend upon us for aggressive backing in the conduct of the work that is to devolve upon it; aggressive backing in pursuance of such an aggressive course as is essential to success. We realize the need of maintenance of that public opinion that has supported the movement as far as it has gone. This is not a political movement, and partisanship should not enter into it. Democrats, republicans, bull moosers, prohibitionists, socialists, and "just citizens" must take their medicine alike—which calls for an impartial campaign, as well as an aggressive one. What it is hoped will be accomplished, is to be done for South Bend, and neither for nor against any party or clique, nor the members of any particular party or clique.

Likewise a little word with Councilman Thompson. He is right that water mains should be laid and it be made possible for the people in the west end of the city to make use of them, disposing of their outhouses and wells, among the greatest menaces to health in that vicinity. The survey, however, should bring to the city the number of such outhouses and wells necessitated by the non-existence of water mains, and the non-use and non-existence of sewers. When this data is once gathered we will have something to talk to our extra-economical board of works about—the board, perhaps, not being so extra-economical as it is extra-politico-self-centered. We will try to bring it to their attention before the thing is over with in such a manner that they may observe that it is worth while doing something once in a while for the people who deserve having something done for them. We expect the survey to uncover a very multitude of sins.

"Every home its own health resort," is the motto. We are not cranks on the subject, and realized in advance that we were undertaking a big job, but any degree of success is better than none, and we mean, and believe the health department means, if possible, to make that success considerable.

## WARSHIPS AND OLIVE BRANCHES.

To those politico-patriots who are hammering congress in the face with both hands—because it is not pushing the preparedness program just a little faster so that they can find fault with it for pushing it too fast,—a little modest "rider" in the new naval appropriation bill ought to be worthy of serious consideration. Here is furnished an opportunity to howl and to howl uproariously, for they could say, "why should such pacifism be tolerated in a land of such much red blood all ready for the spilling?" It could be pointed as more evidence of weak-kneedness on the part of the administration and administration forces and it is a wonder that it has attracted so little attention—has passed unnoticed even from Oyster Bay. It gives the president authority at the close of the war, to invite the powers to a conference for the consideration of arbitration and disarmament.

It may be highly important, at the present stage of world affairs, to provide for powerful battle cruisers, scout ships, submarines and the other paraphernalia of modern sea-slaughter and destruction; but, it is far more important to let the world know that we are creating this great armament only as a temporary expedient—that we are not really interested in warships—that as a matter of fact we are tremendously interested in abolishing warships,—and want the other powers to cooperate with us to that end.

Any defense plans that do not look beyond the guns and ships and men immediately involved is fallacious, militaristic, un-American. If the United States is to play the part in world affairs for which most of us believe our country is providentially intended, we must always, while grasping the sword in one hand, hold out the olive branch in the other.

The weak spot in most of our "preparedness" plans has been that they have been short-sighted and one-sided. They have contemplated nothing but the creation of great fighting strength. They have conveyed the unfortunate impression that the nation is slipping into the error of European militarism, which merely arms and fights in a deadly circle of destruction, without seeing beyond.

It is our business to see beyond, and to help the rest of the world to see and realize our own vision. And all the warships we are building and the armies we are raising will be investments well worth the cost if we balance them with a deliberate peace plan, and win the world to our way of thinking. The highest triumph of our new armament would be to "scrap" it all, at its highest development, by international agreement.

The Elkhart ad men are said to be prolific writers. They turned out "yards" of stuff on the cleanup campaign. Then they turned up at the medical laboratory afterwards and wrote "Miles."

Penrose now comes along with a denunciation of "the menace to the textile industry by free trade." Boys read underwear up under the encyclopaedic "U," and "Hosiery" under the letter "H." Next!

All the warring nations appear to want to eat up one another's armies. At home Col. Roosevelt has been wasting up many columns.

George W. Drake, the secretary of the Western Canners' association, is a Scotchman. Wonder if the Scots call him "a canny lad"?

Among the very timely things is von Bernstorff's warning that there's danger when merchant ships run at submarines.

## THE MELTING POT

FILLED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF

VISIONS.

The world's a rather rough and tumble, unattractive place. Displeasing to an overwhelming porDispleasing to an overwhelming portion of the race.

There's always something lacking and there's always something wrong. And weeping is too frequently the substitute for sons. So many are the glaring faults confronting people here That they defensively invent a visionary sphere.

Oh, lovely land of imagery and fascinating dreams. Where everyone succeeds in hatching out his dearest schemes; Where love is true and lasting for interminable terms; Where apples are not pecked by birds nor tunneled through by worms; Where everlasting green is on the everlasting trees; Where life is one unbroken round of revelry and ease.

The things we honest truly gain are miserably cheap. The biggest winner in the world must often sit and weep. But who makes the visions dock to fascinate his eye Luxuriates in piles of wealth, world-wide and mountain high. Let them who will sift out the sands for golden grains of truth; Give me the fond and foolish heart to hold the dreams of youth.

ARTHUR BROOKS BAKER.

A seat in the front row may have its advantages, but not during a shooting act.

Why not, as a step towards preparedness, form all the sharpshooters now on the vaudeville stage into a force for home defense.

## FAMOUS SUBS.

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—attitude.  
—way.  
—merse.  
—sily.  
—mit.  
—due.  
—marine.

Every time a small man reads the story of David and Goliath he saunters out looking for trouble.

The Giants were in a rut. They couldn't hit the ball. But now, how they strut! They are hammering them all.

## ADD WAR HORRORS.

Italy has placed a ban on the exportation of macaroni.

## SUNDAY CHAT.

He can do that. Can do what? What the paper says. What does the paper say? Well, it says he must imitate people and he must know his features and several words. Well, sure he can do it, but what of it? Nothing, only he ought to win.

Ought to win what? Why, first prize in the baby show. He's only 15 months old and he can do all the things the paper says a two-year-old should do.

This conversation was not limited to any one home Sunday afternoon. We don't know the exact number of babies from three months to two-year-old in South Bend, but we know one thing, and that is every

Keeping white shoes white is certainly hard on mother.

## Statesmen Great and Near-Great

BY FRED KELLY

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Here is Vice Pres't Marshall's latest and cutest bon mot: In the course of the senate proceedings one morning he called for a vote on an amendment that was of such a routine nature that no senator had enough interest in it to go to the other of expressing himself.

"All in favor please vote aye," said Marshall. And nobody said aye. "All opposed please vote nay," directed Marshall.

And nobody said nay. "Very well," ruled Marshall, quickly, "the vote is a tie. The vice president votes aye. The ayes have it."

Senator Martine of New Jersey, had a dog. It was not much of a dog, taking it by and large, but it had been a member of Martine's household for a long time and he was attached to it. A while ago the dog died, from a complication of maladies superinduced by extreme old age. Senator Martine was insistent that the dog should have a decent and proper burial. He was lying in a Washington apartment house at the time, and the finding of a suitable burial plot was a problem. He could not go out in the back yard and hold the funeral, because there wasn't any back yard. Anybody living in a small apartment who has ever put in a day with a pedigreed dead dog on his hands, wondering what to do with it, will readily appreciate that the situation would soon become acute. To Martine's delight he learned that there is in Washington an ultraexclusive dog cemetery, intended only for dead

dogs of high social standing. Martine went and bought a lot in that cemetery and gave his dog such a burial as any dog might well be proud of. The prospect of such a burial should reconcile almost any dog to having had his day. Martine forebore his senatorial duties long enough to go to the funeral and personally see to it that the dog was paid every respect.

Today a neat little marble head-

stone marks the spot where the Martine dog made its final descent into the bosom of the earth.

Thomas U. Sisson, congressman from Mississippi wears about the longest frock coat to be seen about the house of representatives.

Having that fact firmly fixed in our minds, let us now go on with the denouement of our brief tale. Sisson had a constituent for whom he desired to obtain a promotion in one of the departments. An employee there in one of the higher-up places died suddenly and Sisson assumed that this vacancy made by death might facilitate matters for his man. He went to the chief of that division and asked him to appoint his candidate to the vacant place.

"It is my policy," parried the chief, "never to fill a vacancy caused by death until after the funeral."

"I supposed the funeral was over by now," said Sisson, apologetically.

"I notice," observed the other man, looking at Sisson's conventional black uniform, "that you are dressed for the occasion."

With the heavy burden of high prices already upon the people, the profits from which go to enrich the very class who are successful in evading this tax, it will be poor statesmanship and insane politics for congress to ask for one penny in new taxes, until it has taken every step to insure the collection of this tax, which is everywhere recognized as the most just and equitable that can be imposed.

The income tax must be paid—and paid in full.

The action which the present congress takes with regard to the income tax will more definitely display its true character than any

other issue which will come before it.

Congress may dodge the issue by making petty amendments to the law and adding slightly to the treasury's force of inspectors. But every congressman that does so sidestep will return to his people discredited and distrusted.

Congress may choose to create in the treasury department a new secret service force, which will create a system of espionage over the entire field of business and private life, sufficient to detect every attempt at tax evasion. Such is the system in use in Prussia. There an army of inspectors and examiners collect the tax with true German thoroughness. Will congress choose to transplant this system to the United States, where because of our enormous territory and greater population the force of inspectors must be increased tenfold? If so, it is certain that a bureaucratic Frankenstein will have been created which sooner or later will prove a menace to our liberty and to the very spirit of our government.

Congress may, however, choose to follow American traditions and apply the only remedy which has ever proved effective in a democracy—publicity. Publish the returns that the public may know not only who the tax thieves are but also whether the treasury department is doing its work honestly, efficiently and thoroughly.

## A CAN OF SALMON.

(Lexington, Ky., Herald.)

The National Canners' association has done much to improve the containers and the contents of canned foods. But there are still imperfections. Some few years ago, according to report, a member of the Kentucky pure food service was investigating the salmon canneries in the northwest. A factory above Seattle, for example, finds leaky cans, after the processing, and sets these aside for re-treatment. Sometimes, but not always, the re-treatment is a success. Asked what became of the imperfect cans an employee in the plant replied that they were "sold in the south for the darkies."

Such foods as these have been cleaned out of Kentucky, but since the opinion of the Kentucky court of appeals and the consequent limitation on the investigations of the experiment station, inferior foods are reported to be coming back into the markets of the state. A shipment of imperfect cans, from the same salmon factory mentioned above, has been located and the experts have found enough of meat poisons in one can to produce death. The easy state gets second and lower choice in the selection of foods, the grocers frequently not knowing the difference at the time of purchase and when their shelves are stocked it takes several years of effort to discover and eliminate the impure products. The drug situation brought about by the war has caused widespread substitution and the substitutes are frequently made from chemicals which either have none of the desired effect or a totally different effect and harmful. The druggists are strongly against these substitutes and are asking that they be given protection along with the consumer in the re-enactment of the law.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

The famous director had an appointment to join his company at a beach location, and, being late, he was breaking various speed limits to get there, when his engine suddenly went back on him.

The usual idiot with the propensity for asking foolish questions came along and surveyed the picture composed of a pair of legs projecting in gloom under the machine. "What's the matter?" he asked. "Had an accident?"

"Oh, no," same in muffled, but sarcastic tones from beneath the car. "I'm merely taking it apart to see what makes it tick!"—Film Fun.

SEVERAL VARIETIES.

"Did you have anything in your garden this spring?"

"Oh, yes, several varieties."

"What, for instance?"

"Oh, Plymouth Rocks and Leg-horns."—Judge.

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